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Re: Envision San Jose 2040 Illustrative Elements

This letter is being sent for the purpose of clarification and to make recommendations.

Please accept this short letter as a preliminary response from the Coalition for a Downtown Hospital regarding the hospital site issue. As soon as we are able to get more clarification from the planning staff we will submit further comments.

In Chapter 1 page 5 of the current "Envision San Jose 2040 Draft Plan" it states:

"Illustrative Elements

While the majority of the contents of the General Plan document is adopted policy, and requires a General Plan amendment to modify, some components or elements of the document are provided for illustrative purposes and may be updated without a General Plan amendment. In addition to formatting elements and the photographs provided as illustrations, the illustrative elements include diagrams which provide contextual information, but which do not establish policy. For example, illustrative elements include the diagrams that illustrate bicycle and truck routes, natural features or conditions such as floodplain areas, or *areas for particular types of development such as healthcare facilities or private community gathering facilities*. These illustrative diagrams can be updated to reflect other changes in City policies as needed without a General Plan amendment process."

Are we correct in assuming that the illustrative element of the above italicized section would include maps indicating specific geographic areas. If so, We strongly urge that the mapping include those areas that were previously identified as priority possible hospital sites by the hospital stakeholders group that Lee Butler helped to facilitate. Much time and effort was expended in conducting those meetings and the following up which included viewing the sites that the Planning Department had designated. Also, that the specific lot size be indicated on all sites designated possible healthcare.

Would the Illustrative Elements be part of the Appendices?

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